

REMARKS

Numerous errors of grammatical and typographical nature in the specification have been corrected by this amendment.

Claims 1 to 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner finds that claims are generally narrative and indefinite. Responding to this rejection claims 1–4, 6, 8–16, 18–22, and 25 were amended in order to improve language. Applicant believes that the claims, as amended, are clear and definite. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection in view of the above amendments.

The claims of this application are subject to a restricting requirement by the Examiner. The Applicant elects Group I, claims 1, 2, 13, 14, 20, and 21, with traverse. The Examiner erroneously states in the Office Action that claims 1, 2, 13, 14, 20 and 21 are related to “and information providing system using a server and providing information to one customer using the same or different transfer path..” (emphasis added). According to the claimed invention, the distribution of information among group of customers is a main idea of the present invention. All claims, illustrations and specification describe numerous customers. Claims 1, 2, 13, 14, 20, and 21, as amended, recite “at least one information receiving terminal”, which is entirely consistent with the disclosed invention.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, that claims 1 to 25 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any

other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Lamont Whitham", is written over the typed name.

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